

**Bird Species Observed in
Montana through December 2003**

Notes: B = Direct evidence of breeding
b = Indirect evidence of breeding
t = No evidence of breeding
W = Overwinters (Dec. 15 to Feb. 15)
w = Winter records, overwintering unconfirmed
Species with fewer than 20 sightings are listed
in *italics*

1	<i>Red-throated Loon</i>	t	w
2	<i>Pacific Loon</i>	t	w
3	<i>Common Loon</i>	B	w
4	<i>Yellow-billed Loon</i>	t	w
5	<i>Pied-billed Grebe</i>	B	w
6	<i>Horned Grebe</i>	B	w
7	<i>Red-necked Grebe</i>	B	w
8	<i>Eared Grebe</i>	B	w
9	<i>Western Grebe</i>	B	w
10	<i>Clark's Grebe</i>	B	
11	<i>American White Pelican</i>	B	w
12	<i>Double-crested Cormorant</i>	B	w
13	<i>American Bittern</i>	B	w
14	<i>Least Bittern</i>	t	
15	<i>Great Blue Heron</i>	B	w
16	<i>Great Egret</i>	t	
17	<i>Snowy Egret</i>	B	
18	<i>Little Blue Heron</i>	t	
19	<i>Cattle Egret</i>	t	
20	<i>Green Heron</i>	t	
21	<i>Black-crowned Night-Heron</i>	B	
22	<i>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</i>	t	
23	<i>White-faced Ibis</i>	B	
24	<i>Wood Stork</i>	t	
25	<i>Turkey Vulture</i>	B	w
26	<i>Greater White-fronted Goose</i>	t	w
27	<i>Snow Goose</i>	t	w
28	<i>Ross's Goose</i>	t	
29	<i>Canada Goose</i>	B	w
30	<i>Brant</i>	t	
31	<i>Mute Swan</i>	B	w
32	<i>Trumpeter Swan</i>	B	w
33	<i>Tundra Swan</i>	t	w
34	<i>Wood Duck</i>	B	w
35	<i>Gadwall</i>	B	w
36	<i>Eurasian Wigeon</i>	t	w
37	<i>American Wigeon</i>	B	w
38	<i>American Black Duck</i>	t	w
39	<i>Mallard</i>	B	w
40	<i>Blue-winged Teal</i>	B	w
41	<i>Cinnamon Teal</i>	B	w
42	<i>Northern Shoveler</i>	B	w
43	<i>Northern Pintail</i>	B	w
44	<i>Garganey</i>	t	
45	<i>Green-winged Teal</i>	B	w
46	<i>Canvasback</i>	B	w
47	<i>Redhead</i>	B	w
48	<i>Ring-necked Duck</i>	B	w
49	<i>Greater Scaup</i>	t	w
50	<i>Lesser Scaup</i>	B	w
51	<i>Harlequin Duck</i>	B	w
52	<i>Surf Scoter</i>	t	
53	<i>White-winged Scoter</i>	t	w

54	<i>Black Scoter</i>	t	w
55	<i>Long-tailed Duck</i>	t	w
56	<i>Bufflehead</i>	B	w
57	<i>Common Goldeneye</i>	B	w
58	<i>Barrow's Goldeneye</i>	B	w
59	<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	B	w
60	<i>Common Merganser</i>	B	w
61	<i>Red-breasted Merganser</i>	t	w
62	<i>Ruddy Duck</i>	B	w
63	<i>Osprey</i>	B	w
64	<i>White-tailed Kite</i>	t	w
65	<i>Mississippi Kite</i>	t	w
66	<i>Bald Eagle</i>	B	w
67	<i>Northern Harrier</i>	B	w
68	<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk</i>	B	w
69	<i>Cooper's Hawk</i>	B	w
70	<i>Northern Goshawk</i>	B	w
71	<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	t	
72	<i>Broad-winged Hawk</i>	t	
73	<i>Swainson's Hawk</i>	B	
74	<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	B	w
75	<i>Ferruginous Hawk</i>	B	w
76	<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>	t	w
77	<i>Golden Eagle</i>	B	w
78	<i>American Kestrel</i>	B	w
79	<i>Merlin</i>	B	w
80	<i>Gyralcon</i>	t	w
81	<i>Peregrine Falcon</i>	B	w
82	<i>Prairie Falcon</i>	B	w
83	<i>Chukar</i>	B	w
84	<i>Gray Partridge</i>	B	w
85	<i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i>	B	w
86	<i>Ruffed Grouse</i>	B	w
87	<i>Greater Sage-Grouse</i>	B	w
88	<i>Spruce Grouse</i>	B	w
89	<i>Willow Ptarmigan</i>	t	w
90	<i>White-tailed Ptarmigan</i>	B	w
91	<i>Blue Grouse</i>	B	w
92	<i>Sharp-tailed Grouse</i>	B	w
93	<i>Greater Prairie-Chicken</i>	b	
94	<i>Wild Turkey</i>	B	w
95	<i>Yellow Rail</i>	b	
96	<i>Virginia Rail</i>	B	w
97	<i>Sora</i>	B	w
98	<i>Common Moorhen</i>	t	
99	<i>American Coot</i>	B	w
100	<i>Sandhill Crane</i>	B	w
101	<i>Whooping Crane</i>	t	
102	<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>	t	
103	<i>American Golden-Plover</i>	t	
104	<i>Snowy Plover</i>	b	
105	<i>Semipalmated Plover</i>	t	
106	<i>Piping Plover</i>	B	
107	<i>Killdeer</i>	B	w
108	<i>Mountain Plover</i>	B	
109	<i>Black-necked Stilt</i>	B	
110	<i>American Avocet</i>	B	
111	<i>Greater Yellowlegs</i>	t	
112	<i>Lesser Yellowlegs</i>	t	
113	<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i>	t	
114	<i>Willet</i>	B	
115	<i>Spotted Sandpiper</i>	B	w
116	<i>Upland Sandpiper</i>	B	
117	<i>Whimbrel</i>	t	
118	<i>Long-billed Curlew</i>	B	
119	<i>Hudsonian Godwit</i>	t	
120	<i>Marbled Godwit</i>	B	
121	<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>	t	
122	<i>Black Turnstone</i>	t	
123	<i>Red Knot</i>	t	
124	<i>Sanderling</i>	t	
125	<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>	t	
126	<i>Western Sandpiper</i>	t	
127	<i>Least Sandpiper</i>	t	
128	<i>White-rumped Sandpiper</i>	t	
129	<i>Baird's Sandpiper</i>	t	
130	<i>Pectoral Sandpiper</i>	t	
131	<i>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</i>	t	
132	<i>Dunlin</i>	t	w
133	<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>	t	
134	<i>Stilt Sandpiper</i>	t	
135	<i>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</i>	t	
136	<i>Short-billed Dowitcher</i>	t	
137	<i>Long-billed Dowitcher</i>	t	
138	<i>Wilson's Snipe</i>	B	w
139	<i>American Woodcock</i>	t	w
140	<i>Wilson's Phalarope</i>	B	
141	<i>Red-necked Phalarope</i>	t	
142	<i>Red Phalarope</i>	t	w
143	<i>Pomarine Jaeger</i>	t	
144	<i>Parasitic Jaeger</i>	t	
145	<i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i>	t	
146	<i>Laughing Gull</i>	t	
147	<i>Franklin's Gull</i>	B	
148	<i>Little Gull</i>	t	
149	<i>Bonaparte's Gull</i>	t	
150	<i>Mew Gull</i>	t	w
151	<i>Ring-billed Gull</i>	B	w
152	<i>California Gull</i>	B	w
153	<i>Herring Gull</i>	t	w
154	<i>Thayer's Gull</i>	t	w
155	<i>Glaucous-winged Gull</i>	t	w
156	<i>Glaucous Gull</i>	t	w
157	<i>Great Black-backed Gull</i>	t	w
158	<i>Sabine's Gull</i>	t	
159	<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i>	t	w
160	<i>Ivory Gull</i>	t	
161	<i>Caspian Tern</i>	B	
162	<i>Common Tern</i>	B	
163	<i>Arctic Tern</i>	B	
164	<i>Forster's Tern</i>	B	
165	<i>Least Tern</i>	B	
166	<i>Black Tern</i>	B	
167	<i>Long-billed Murrelet</i>	t	
168	<i>Ancient Murrelet</i>	t	
169	<i>Rock Pigeon</i>	B	w
170	<i>Band-tailed Pigeon</i>	t	
171	<i>Eurasian Collared-Dove</i>	b	w
172	<i>White-winged Dove</i>	t	
173	<i>Mourning Dove</i>	B	w
174	<i>Black-billed Cuckoo</i>	B	
175	<i>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</i>	b	
176	<i>Barn Owl</i>	B	
177	<i>Flammulated Owl</i>	B	w
178	<i>Western Screech-Owl</i>	B	w
179	<i>Eastern Screech-Owl</i>	B	w
180	<i>Great Horned Owl</i>	B	w
181	<i>Snowy Owl</i>	t	w
182	<i>Northern Hawk Owl</i>	B	w
183	<i>Northern Pygmy-Owl</i>	B	w
184	<i>Burrowing Owl</i>	B	w
185	<i>Barred Owl</i>	B	w
186	<i>Great Gray Owl</i>	B	w
187	<i>Long-eared Owl</i>	B	w
188	<i>Short-eared Owl</i>	B	w
189	<i>Boreal Owl</i>	B	w
190	<i>Northern Saw-whet Owl</i>	B	w
191	<i>Common Nighthawk</i>	B	
192	<i>Common Poorwill</i>	B	
193	<i>Whip-poor-will</i>	t	
194	<i>Black Swift</i>	B	
195	<i>Chimney Swift</i>	B	
196	<i>Vaux's Swift</i>	B	
197	<i>White-throated Swift</i>	B	
198	<i>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</i>	B	
199	<i>Black-chinned Hummingbird</i>	B	
200	<i>Anna's Hummingbird</i>	t	w
201	<i>Costa's Hummingbird</i>	t	
202	<i>Calliope Hummingbird</i>	B	
203	<i>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</i>	b	
204	<i>Rufous Hummingbird</i>	B	
205	<i>Belted Kingfisher</i>	B	w
206	<i>Lewis's Woodpecker</i>	B	w
207	<i>Red-headed Woodpecker</i>	B	w
208	<i>Red-bellied Woodpecker</i>	t	
209	<i>Williamson's Sapsucker</i>	B	
210	<i>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</i>	t	
211	<i>Red-naped Sapsucker</i>	B	w
212	<i>Downy Woodpecker</i>	B	w
213	<i>Hairy Woodpecker</i>	B	w
214	<i>White-headed Woodpecker</i>	t	
215	<i>Three-toed Woodpecker</i>	B	w
216	<i>Black-backed Woodpecker</i>	B	w
217	<i>Northern Flicker</i>	B	w
218	<i>Pileated Woodpecker</i>	B	w
219	<i>Olive-sided Flycatcher</i>	B	
220	<i>Western Wood-Pewee</i>	B	
221	<i>Eastern Wood-Pewee</i>	t	
222	<i>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</i>	t	
223	<i>Alder Flycatcher</i>	b	
224	<i>Willow Flycatcher</i>	B	
225	<i>Least Flycatcher</i>	B	
226	<i>Hammond's Flycatcher</i>	B	
227	<i>Gray Flycatcher</i>	t	
228	<i>Dusky Flycatcher</i>	B	
229	<i>Cordilleran Flycatcher</i>	B	
230	<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	t	w
231	<i>Say's Phoebe</i>	B	w
232	<i>Vermilion Flycatcher</i>	t	w
233	<i>Ash-throated Flycatcher</i>	t	
234	<i>Great Crested Flycatcher</i>	t	
235	<i>Cassin's Kingbird</i>	B	
236	<i>Western Kingbird</i>	B	
237	<i>Eastern Kingbird</i>	B	
238	<i>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</i>	t	
239	<i>Loggerhead Shrike</i>	B	w
240	<i>Northern Shrike</i>	t	w
241	<i>White-eyed Vireo</i>	b	
242	<i>Yellow-throated Vireo</i>	t	
243	<i>Plumbeous Vireo</i>	B	
244	<i>Cassin's Vireo</i>	B	
245	<i>Blue-headed Vireo</i>	t	

246	Warbling Vireo	B
247	Philadelphia Vireo	t
248	Red-eyed Vireo	B
249	Gray Jay	B
250	Steller's Jay	W
251	Blue Jay	B
252	Western Scrub-Jay	t
253	Pinyon Jay	B
254	Clark's Nutcracker	B
255	Black-billed Magpie	B
256	American Crow	B
257	Common Raven	B
258	Horned Lark	B
259	Purple Martin	b
260	Tree Swallow	B
261	Violet-green Swallow	B
262	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	B
263	Bank Swallow	B
264	Cliff Swallow	B
265	Barn Swallow	B
266	Black-capped Chickadee	B
267	Mountain Chickadee	B
268	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	B
269	Boreal Chickadee	B
270	Red-breasted Nuthatch	B
271	White-breasted Nuthatch	B
272	Pygmy Nuthatch	B
273	Brown Creeper	B
274	Rock Wren	B
275	Canyon Wren	B
276	Bewick's Wren	t
277	House Wren	B
278	Winter Wren	B
279	Sedge Wren	b
280	Marsh Wren	B
281	American Dipper	B
282	Golden-crowned Kinglet	B
283	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B
284	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B
285	Eastern Bluebird	B
286	Western Bluebird	B
287	Mountain Bluebird	w
288	Townsend's Solitaire	B
289	Veery	B
290	Gray-cheeked Thrush	t
291	Swainson's Thrush	B
292	Hermit Thrush	B
293	Wood Thrush	w
294	American Robin	B
295	Varied Thrush	B
296	Gray Catbird	B
297	Northern Mockingbird	B
298	Sage Thrasher	B
299	Brown Thrasher	B
300	European Starling	B
301	Siberian Accentor	t
302	American Pipit	B
303	Sprague's Pipit	B
304	Bohemian Waxwing	B
305	Cedar Waxwing	B
306	Golden-winged Warbler	t
307	Tennessee Warbler	B
308	Orange-crowned Warbler	B
309	Nashville Warbler	B

310	Northern Parula	t
311	Yellow Warbler	B
312	Chestnut-sided Warbler	t
313	Magnolia Warbler	t
314	Cape May Warbler	t
315	Black-throated Blue Warbler	t
316	Yellow-rumped Warbler	W
317	Black-throated Gray Warbler	B
318	Black-throated Green Warbler	w
319	Townsend's Warbler	B
320	Blackburnian Warbler	t
321	Yellow-throated Warbler	w
322	Pine Warbler	t
323	Prairie Warbler	t
324	Palm Warbler	t
325	Bay-breasted Warbler	w
326	Blackpoll Warbler	t
327	Black-and-White Warbler	B
328	American Redstart	B
329	Prothonotary Warbler	t
330	Ovenbird	B
331	Northern Waterthrush	B
332	Kentucky Warbler	t
333	Connecticut Warbler	t
334	Mourning Warbler	t
335	MacGillivray's Warbler	B
336	Common Yellowthroat	B
337	Hooded Warbler	t
338	Wilson's Warbler	B
339	Canada Warbler	t
340	Painted Redstart	t
341	Yellow-breasted Chat	B
342	Summer Tanager	t
343	Scarlet Tanager	t
344	Western Tanager	B
345	Green-tailed Towhee	B
346	Spotted Towhee	B
347	American Tree Sparrow	W
348	Chipping Sparrow	B
349	Clay-colored Sparrow	B
350	Brewer's Sparrow	B
351	Field Sparrow	B
352	Vesper Sparrow	B
353	Lark Sparrow	B
354	Black-throated Sparrow	t
355	Sage Sparrow	B
356	Lark Bunting	B
357	Savannah Sparrow	B
358	Grasshopper Sparrow	B
359	Baird's Sparrow	B
360	Le Conte's Sparrow	B
361	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	B
362	Fox Sparrow	B
363	Song Sparrow	W
364	Lincoln's Sparrow	B
365	Swamp Sparrow	t
366	White-throated Sparrow	W
367	Harris's Sparrow	t
368	White-crowned Sparrow	B
369	Golden-crowned Sparrow	w
370	Dark-eyed Junco	B
371	McCown's Longspur	B
372	Lapland Longspur	t
373	Smith's Longspur	t

374	Chestnut-collared Longspur	B
375	Snow Bunting	t
376	Northern Cardinal	W
377	Pyrrhuloxia	t
378	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	b
379	Black-headed Grosbeak	W
380	Blue Grosbeak	t
381	Lazuli Bunting	B
382	Indigo Bunting	b
383	Painted Bunting	t
384	Dickcissel	W
385	Bobolink	B
386	Red-winged Blackbird	B
387	Western Meadowlark	W
388	Yellow-headed Blackbird	B
389	Rusty Blackbird	t
390	Brewer's Blackbird	B
391	Common Grackle	B
392	Great-tailed Grackle	b
393	Brown-headed Cowbird	W
394	Orchard Oriole	B
395	Hooded Oriole	t
396	Baltimore Oriole	B
397	Bullock's Oriole	B
398	Brambling	t
399	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	W
400	Black Rosy-Finch	B
401	Pine Grosbeak	B
402	Purple Finch	b
403	Cassin's Finch	B
404	House Finch	B
405	Red Crossbill	B
406	White-winged Crossbill	b
407	Common Redpoll	t
408	Hoary Redpoll	t
409	Pine Siskin	B
410	Lesser Goldfinch	t
411	American Goldfinch	W
412	Evening Grosbeak	B
413	House Sparrow	W

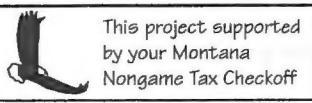
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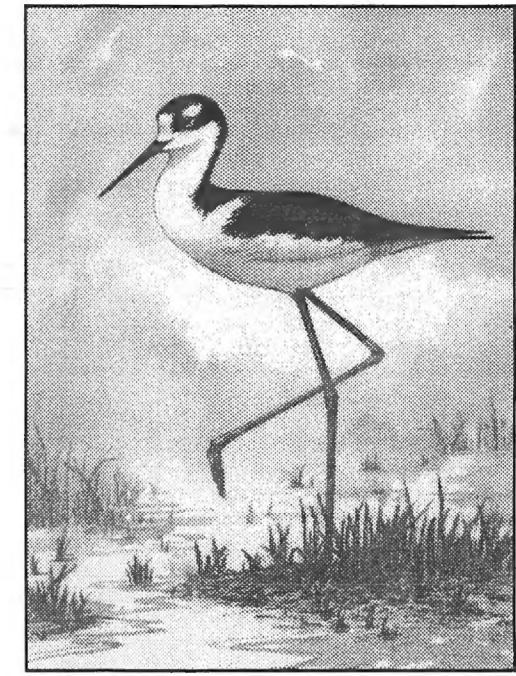


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